

# ***Cooperative Research and Development for Advanced Microturbine System***

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# Agenda

## Project goal and approach

- ◆ Original plan shared at 2002 Peer Review
- ◆ Re-focused plan after UTC/CTC Strategic Alliance Agreement

## Accomplishments Since 2002 Peer Review

- ◆ Demonstrated 5-pt efficiency increase potential for microturbine/ORC system
- ◆ Produced manufacturing trials of ceramic, integral vane ring
- ◆ Finalized design of premixing combustor

## Next Steps

- ◆ Integrate C200/ORC system and demonstrate 40% electrical efficiency

## Conclusions

- ◆ UTC Power is launching PureCycle™ 200

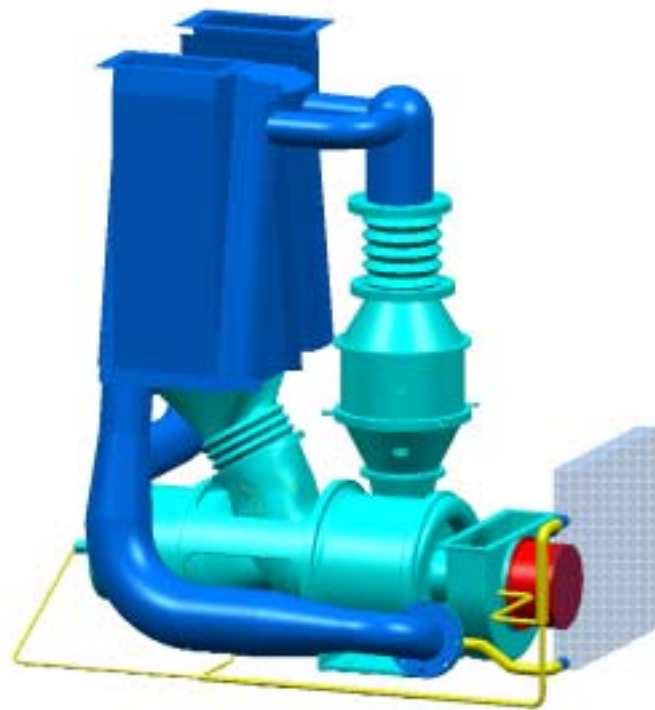
## Goal and Approach Shared at 2002 Peer Review

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- Electrical efficiency = 40%
- NO<sub>x</sub> = 7 PPM on natural gas fuel
- Multi-fuel capability
- 11,000 hour between major overhaul
- System cost = \$500US/kW

### UTRC Goal and Approach

- Affordably increase PWC ST5-powered ENT400 microturbine from 30% to 40% electrical efficiency with NO<sub>x</sub> < 7 ppm

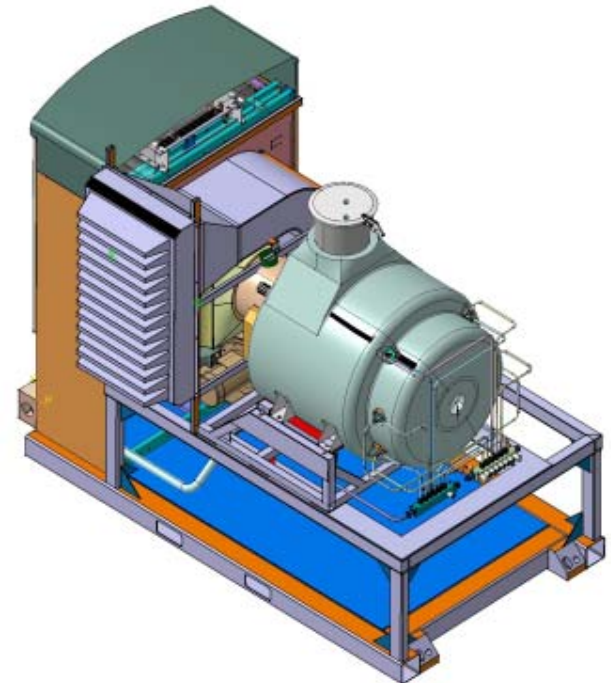


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## UTRC Goal and Approach

- Affordably increase **Capstone C200** microturbine from **33%** to 40% electrical efficiency with NO<sub>x</sub> < 7 ppm



The October, 28, 2002 news release contained the following:

“The strategic alliance between UTC and Capstone is a long term agreement to integrate, sell, and service microturbine-based **combined heat and power solutions** for commercial buildings.”

“UTC and Capstone intend to **build on key product, technology, and channel strengths** of the companies, including those of UTC’s Carrier Corporation – the leading manufacturer of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.”

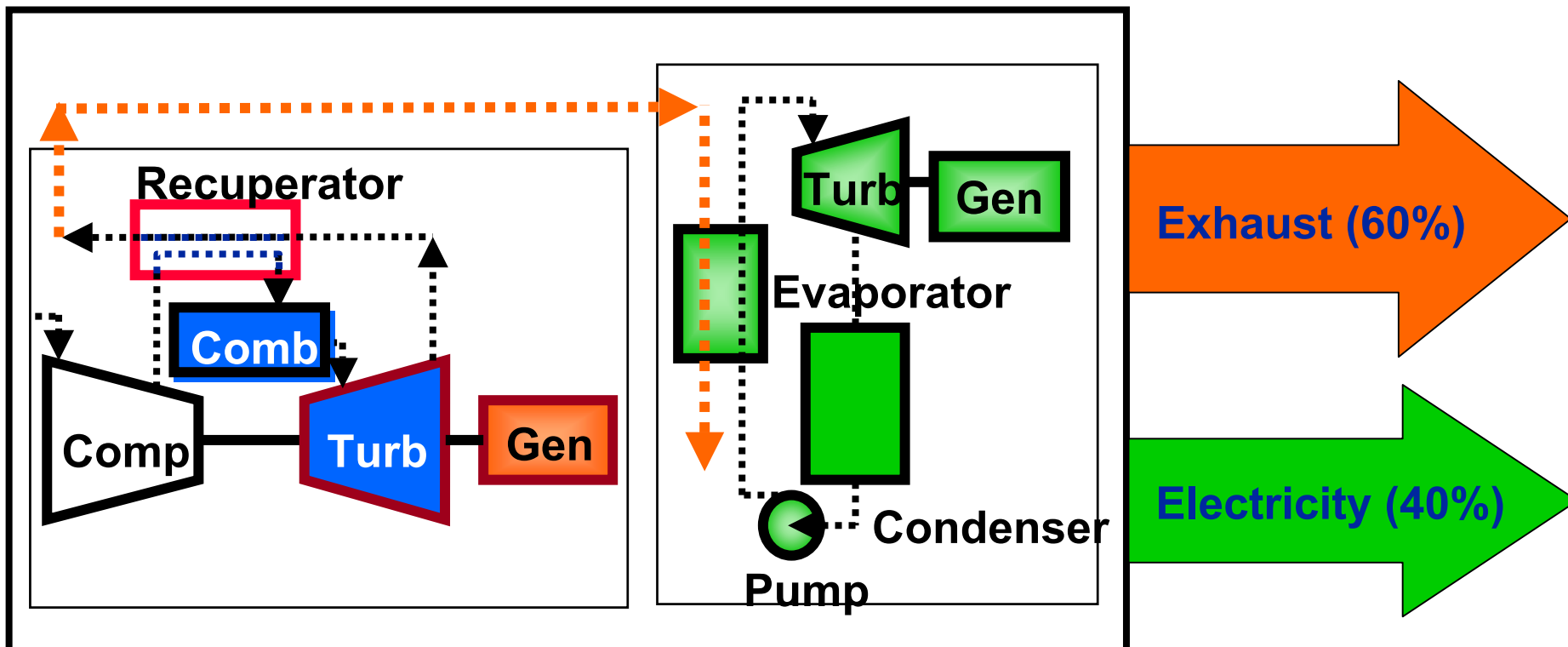
“The agreement covers North America and most of Europe.”

“As part of the alliance agreement, UTC has committed to purchase a 4.9 percent stake in Capstone.”

## Consistent Approach to AMS

**UTRC sustains recycling exhaust energy into power as the affordable means to high efficiency**

- ◆ C200 starting point does not now require UTRC planned engine technology to achieve AMS goals.
  - Ceramic turbine vane and blade for higher TIT
  - Lower emission combustor



# UTRC AMS Tasks and Accomplishments

## Task 1 Preliminary Design (Oct 2000 – Dec 2001)

- ◆ System identification for AMS goals (Mar 2001)
- ◆ Preliminary Design of ORC (Mar 2001), combustor (Aug 2001), and ceramic turbine (Nov 2001)

## Task 2 Subsystem Technology Development (Apr 2001 - Jun 2003)

- ◆ Demonstrated 80 kW from ORC prototype (Feb 2002)
- ◆ Completed design and produced manufacturing trials of ceramic, integral blade ring (Feb 2003) – further development suspended
- ◆ Completed design and manufactured low emission combustor for wide turndown (Nov 2002) – further development suspended

## Task 3 & 4 System Integration/Demonstration (Feb 2002 – Apr 04)

- ◆ Demonstrated 5-pt efficiency increase potential for microturbine/ORC system (Oct 2002)
- ◆ Integrate C200/ORC system and demonstrate 40% electrical efficiency (Sep 2004)

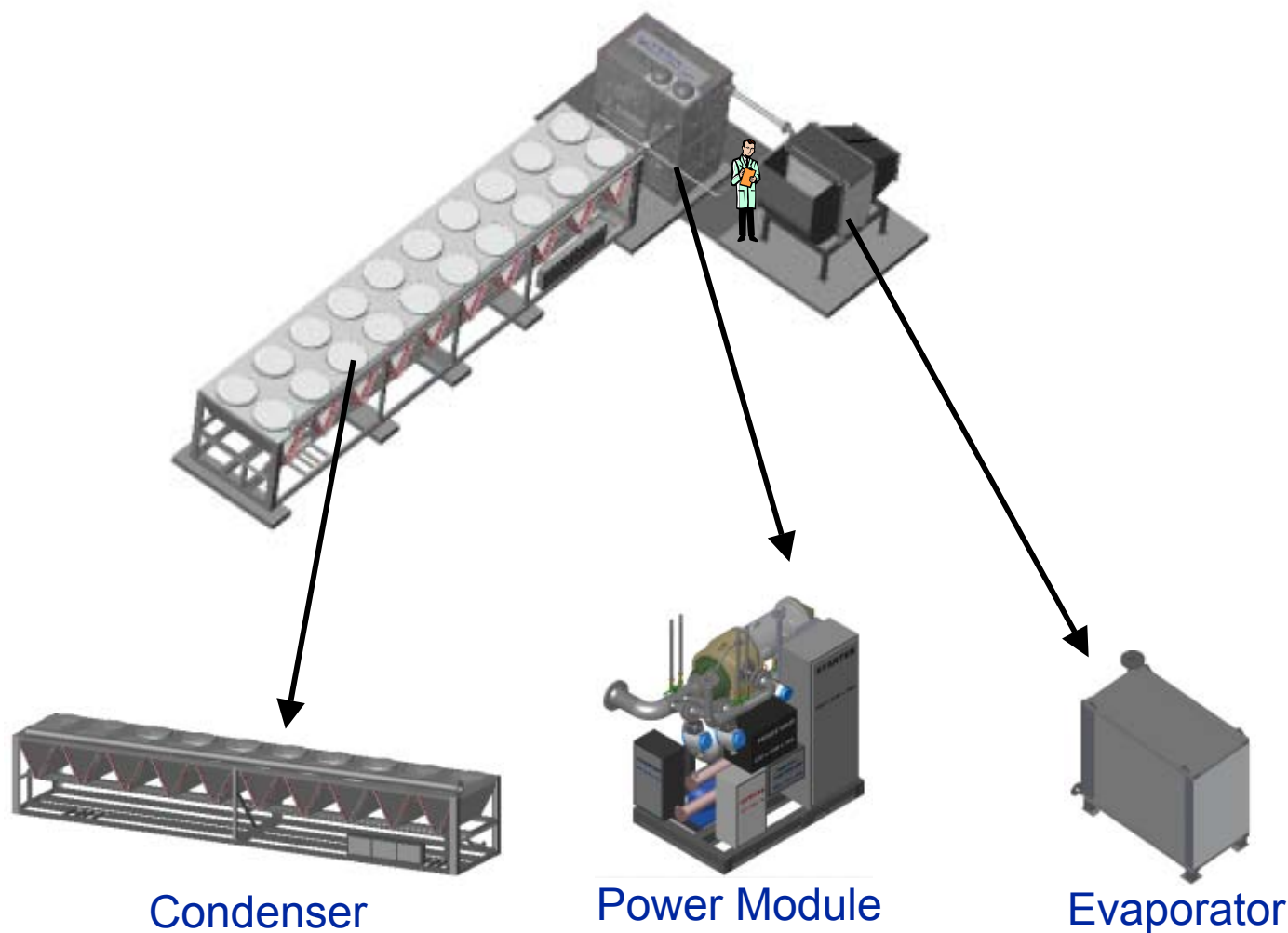
## Task 5 Field Trial Durability Demonstration (Jan 05 – Sep 05)

- ◆ Suspended



# ORC System Consists of 3 HVAC Modules

HVAC leverage limits cost

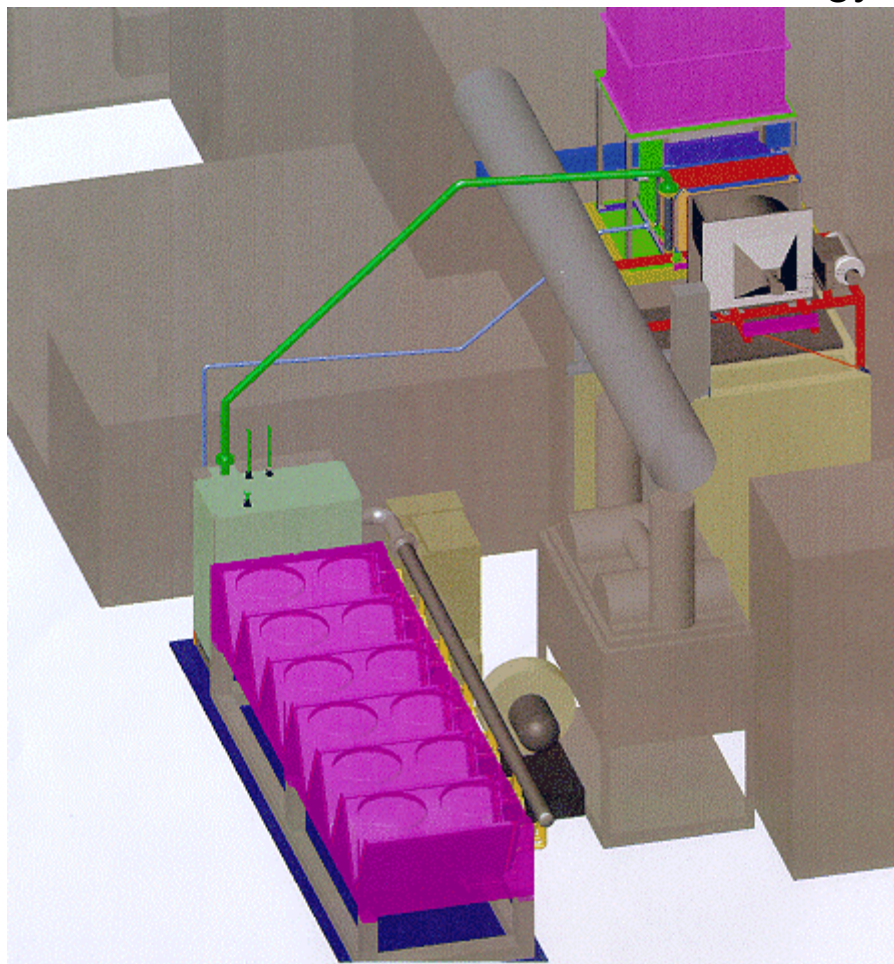




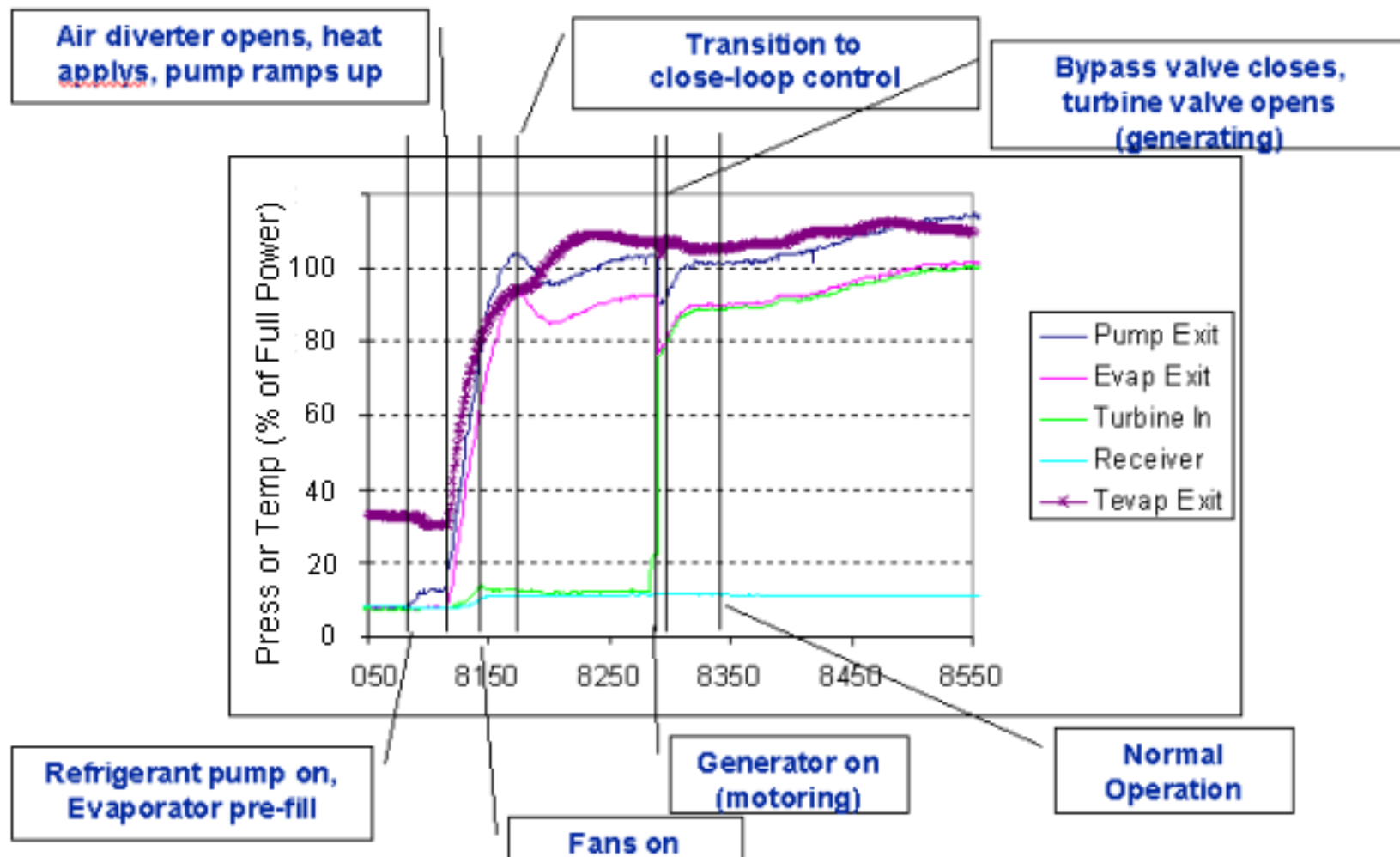
# 100 kW ORC Engineering Prototype Driven by 1.5MW IGT

## Integrated to portion of IGT exhaust

- ◆ Delivered 100kW of electrical power to UTRC grid
- ◆ Demonstrated cavitation-free operation
- ◆ Validated transient control strategy



# Start-Up Validated with ORC Engineering Prototype



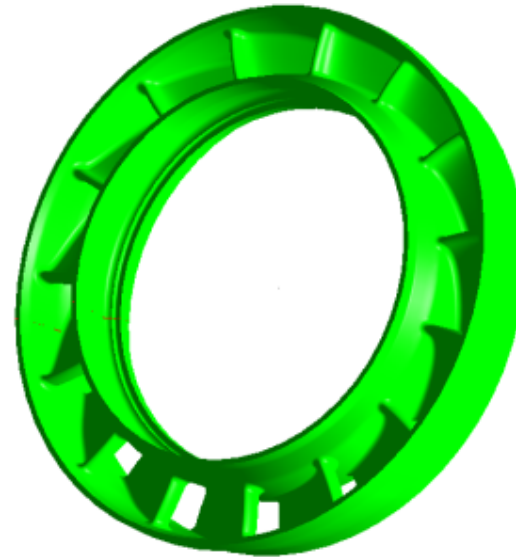


# Ceramic Turbine Components to Enable Higher Performance



**$\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  IBR**

Saint Gobain  
(NT154)



**Integral  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  Vanes**

Kyocera (SN282)

## Government Lab Companion Programs

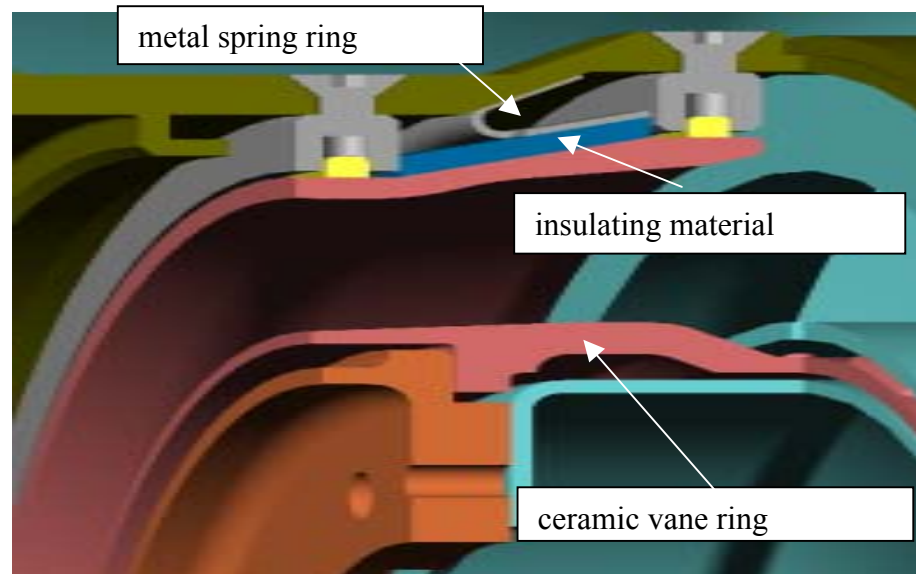
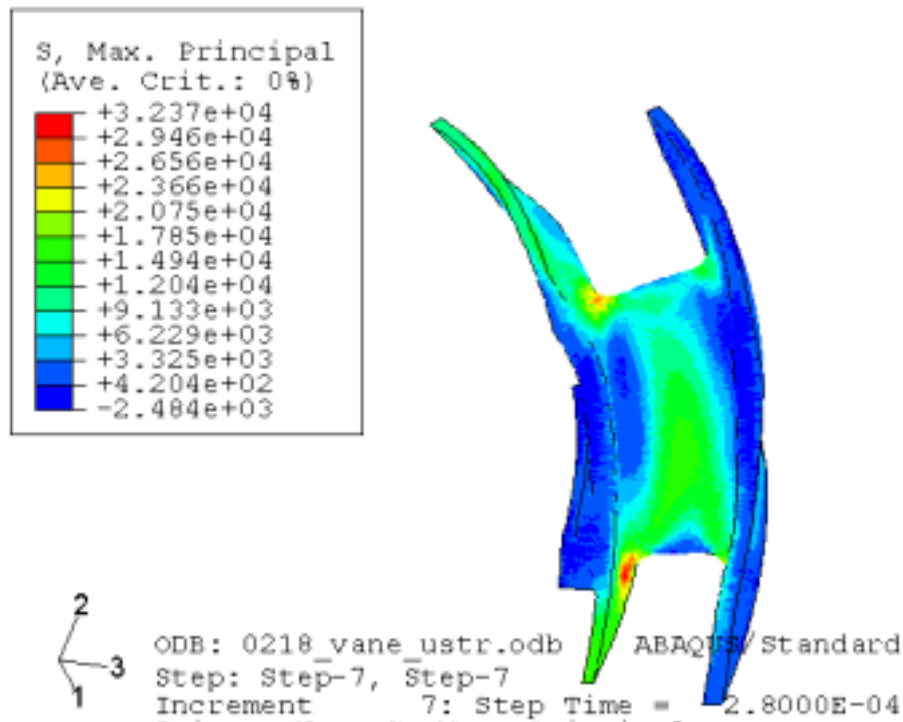
- ◆ ORNL – HTML: Characterizing silicon nitride materials, both with and without EBC
- ◆ NASA UEET: Developing high temperature EBC for CMC
- ◆ Navy/DOE: Developing EBC for silicon nitride
- ◆ US Army: Design/fab/test ceramic turbine components



# Full Life Integral Vane Ring

## Silicon nitride integral vane ring

- ◆ Integral ring feasible with careful attention to mounting and fillet radii to minimize transient stresses
- ◆ Maximum temperature ~2200F @ steady state
- ◆ Maximum tensile stress ~32ksi (220MPa) in transient



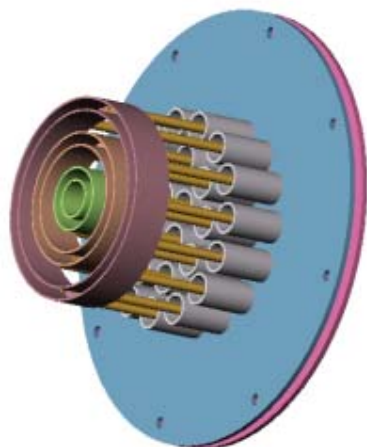
# Ceramic Vane Ring Manufacturing Trials

- Vane ring design for ST5+ engine configuration provided to Kyocera for manufacturing trials
- Three manufacturing-trial samples were produced by Kyocera from SN282 silicon nitride using bisque machining and sintering methods
- Good tolerance control and yield for initial manufacturing trial
- Two of the samples are candidates for gas generator evaluation under companion collaborations

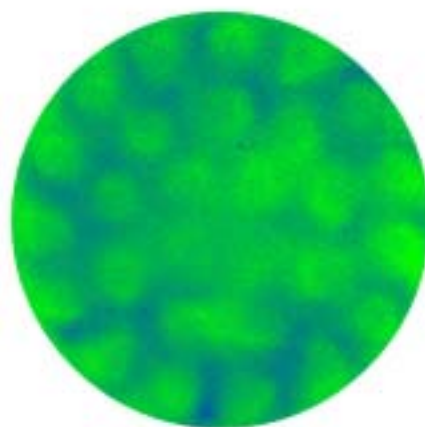


~9 inch OD SN282 vane rings

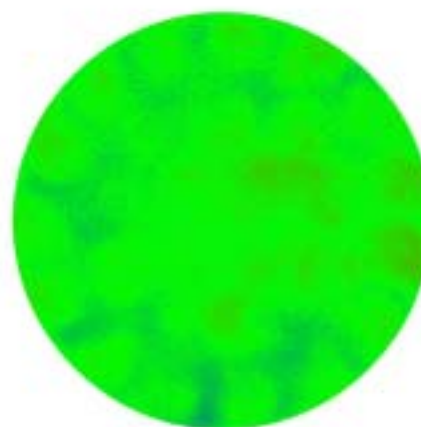
# High Fuel-Air Uniformity is Key to Low NO<sub>x</sub>



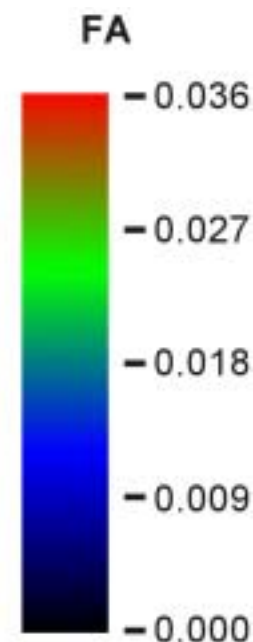
Uniform Mixing ( < 6 %) Achieved



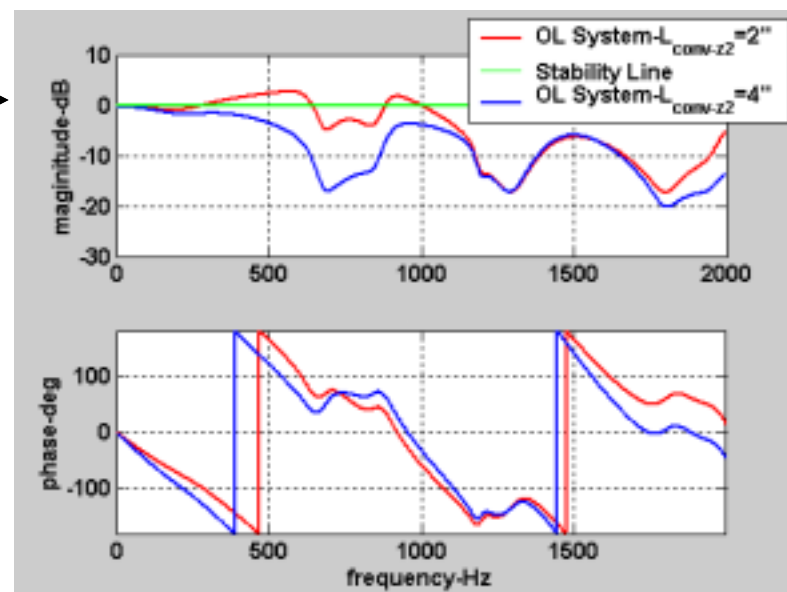
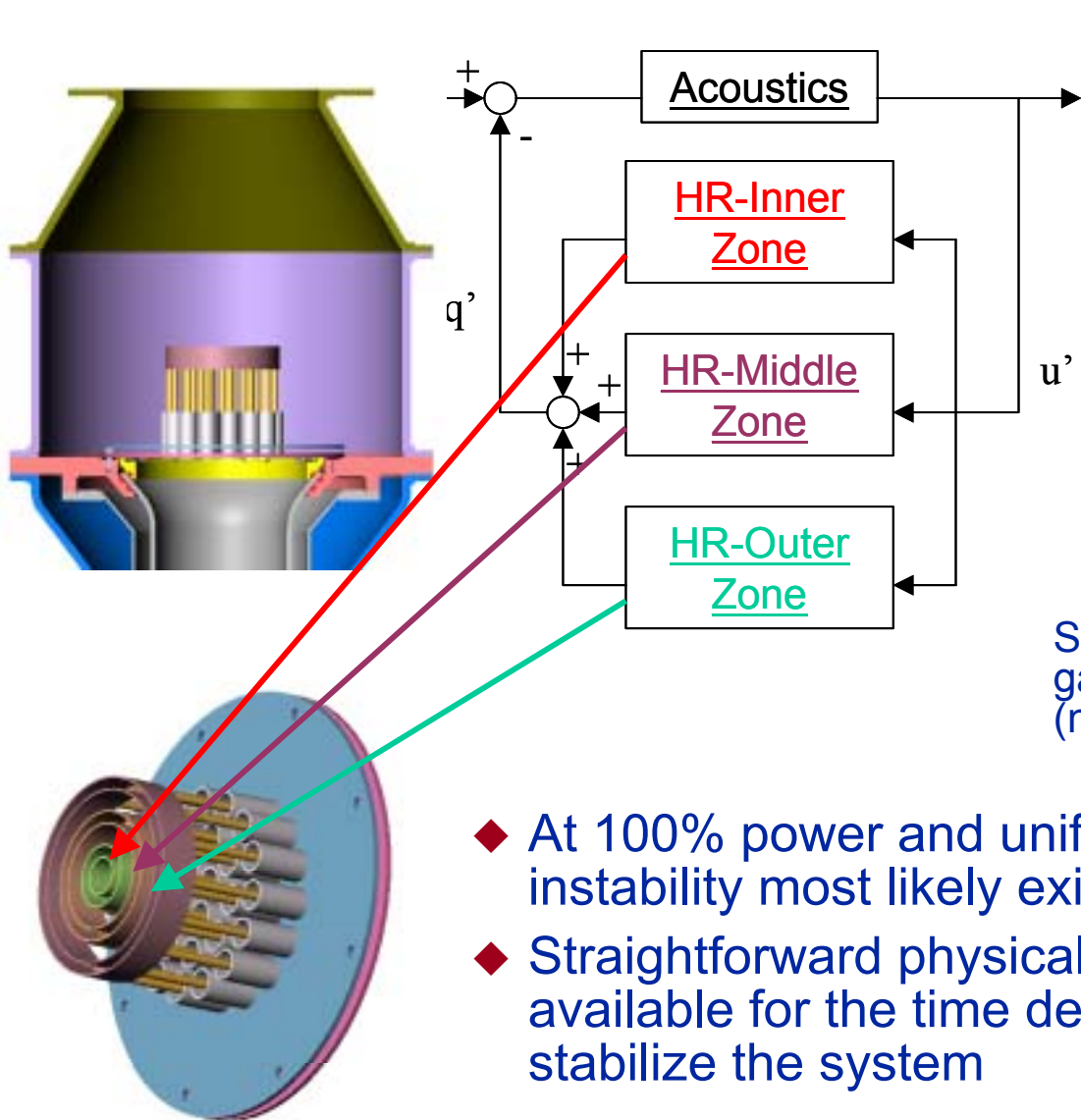
$\sigma/\mu = 0.058$   
FA = 0.0207



$\sigma/\mu = 0.050$   
FA = 0.0241



# Thermoacoustic Model Used to Avoid Instabilities



Stability Criteria: Unstable when open loop gain above 0 dB and phase at 180°.  
(negative feedback)

- ◆ At 100% power and uniform fueling of each zone, system instability most likely exists near 480 Hz
- ◆ Straightforward physical alterations (longer injectors) are available for the time delay adjustment if needed to stabilize the system



## FY04 Next Steps

### Integrate C200/ORC system and demonstrate 40% electrical efficiency (Sep 2004)

- ◆ Add HW heat exchanger to produce thermal output
- ◆ Substitute water-cooled condenser
- ◆ Mechanical and control integration with C200
- ◆ Test integrated system at steady state and transient conditions



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{System Efficiency} &= (P_{C200} + P_{ORC})/E_{\text{fuel}} \\
 &= \text{Eff}_{C200} \times (P_{C200} + P_{ORC})/P_{C200} \\
 &= 33\% \times (600 + 128)/600 \\
 &= 40\%
 \end{aligned}$$

## **UTC Team is on Pathway for AMS 40% Efficiency Goal**

### **Re-focused plan has transitioned to CTC C200 basis to achieve AMS goal**

- ◆ Combines leading edge technology of CTC and UTC
- ◆ Sustains approach to affordably recycle waste into power
  - ORC thermal output enhances its value
- ◆ Ceramic turbine technology investments benefiting other collaborations

### **Together, UTC products and plans have great public benefit**

- ◆ Expand customer choice for reliable, affordable electrical and thermal energy
- ◆ Delivers the energy streams with less fuel consumption and pollutants
- ◆ UTC/DOE collaboration is having a direct impact on the marketplace by enabling new products

# Waste Heat is Everywhere



**Gas Compression**



**Industrial Processes**

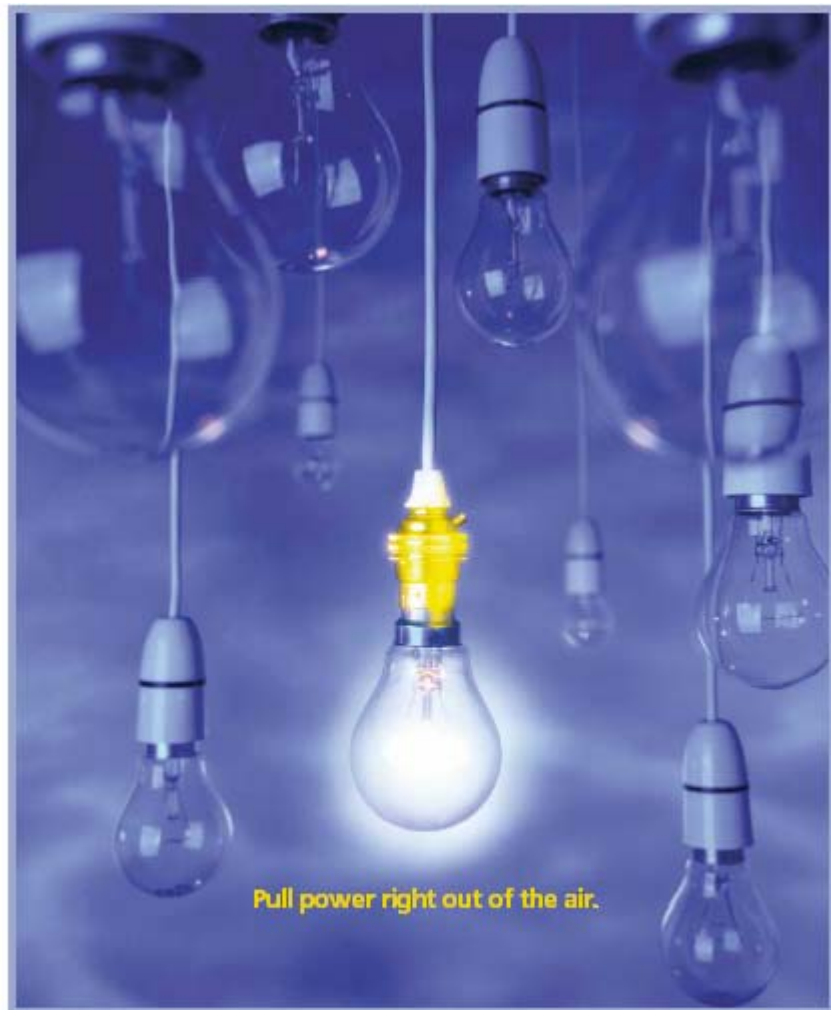


**Landfill Engine**



**Landfill Flare**

**Annual U.S. industrial waste > 4 quadrillion BTU (160 GW)**



**Pull power right out of the air.**

## Turn Waste Heat into Electricity

– with the **PureCycle™ Zero Emission Power System.**

### The clean way to profit from waste heat.

If you're generating heat, you can create electricity. And maybe you already are. But even if you have a waste heat-to-energy system in place, you're not using your resources to their fullest potential. Because now you can use the PureCycle™ power system, a unique heat-to-electricity solution from UTC Power.

The PureCycle™ power system is a closed-cycle process that uses waste heat to generate electrical power. Driven by a simple evaporation process, the entire system is enclosed, which means it produces no emissions. The only product is electricity. And the fuel – waste heat – is free, so there's no cost to power the system once it's installed.

### Flexible, site-compatible design.

The PureCycle™ system can be used with any waste heat above 500°F (gaseous) or 200°F (liquid or vapor), whether it comes from engines, flares or industrial sources. The PureCycle™ power system is also surprisingly compact which makes the system moveable. If, for whatever reason, you wish to use another heat source, the system can be disengaged and relocated.

### Built and supported by energy experts.

While the PureCycle™ power system is relatively new, it draws upon decades of United Technologies Corporation innovation and expertise.



### PureCycle™ Power System features:

- ▼ **Waste-heat powered** – The PureCycle™ power system is designed to be used with engines, turbines, industrial processes or flare waste heat. In each case, you're leveraging current resources, and the fuel is free.
- ▼ **No system emissions** – In some cases the PureCycle™ power system can qualify for emissions credits and help lower net emission/MWh of the host site.
- ▼ **Safe working fluid** – Your operations and the environment are protected through the use of a non-flammable, non-ozone-depleting working fluid which is sealed within the system.
- ▼ **Low generation cost** – Generation costs of the PureCycle™ power system are lower than natural gas fueled reciprocating engines. In addition, the system is easily installed in many cases, resulting in attractive payback periods.
- ▼ **Fully automated, self contained** – PureCycle™ power systems are designed to run unmanned – 24/7/365. And because the systems are sealed, they're inherently weather-resistant, so there's no need for protective housing.
- ▼ **Low operating cost** – Maintenance is minimal, and the system is designed for long life.

